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New Tack to Be Taken by the Commissioners.

AMENDING THE PRESENT LAW

Conference With a Committee of the Board of Trade to Whom the Proposed Amendments Were Submitted—All Concerned Very Hesitant on the Subject.

The Commissioners and the special attorneys for the district in the street extension cases have given up the idea of carrying out the plan under the present law. The two trials, both resulting in verdicts against the district, have convinced them that it is useless to continue the fight. Instead of that, the Government is now considering amendments to the law, which, it is thought, will make it acceptable. The new bill will be presented at the coming session of Congress, and its early passage secured, if possible.

A most important conference in the street extension case was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Engineer Commissioner, Capt. Black. The Commission, as attended as a board. The leading counsel for the district, Mr. A. B. Barney, was also present. These four gentlemen, representing the Government, met a special subcommittee of the committee on street extension, the Board of Trade, consisting of Messrs. A. S. Worthington, R. Ross Perry, and William F. Mattingly. The Commissioners presented to the committee their proposed amendments to the law. The committee has less than a week to consider the amendments, and the Government is anxious to have them passed. The committee is now considering the amendments, and the Government is anxious to have them passed. The committee is now considering the amendments, and the Government is anxious to have them passed.

TITLES TO THE STREETS.

Interesting Question Passed Upon by District Attorney Thomas.

The question as to the correct boundaries of the city of Washington and the title to streets, avenues and alleys have been brought up by a recent investigation of the surveyor.

The Commissioners a few days ago received a letter from the surveyor asking for information on these points. The matter was referred to Attorney for the District, Thomas, who yesterday submitted his opinion.

It is a somewhat lengthy document, going into the old history of the city, the plans of L'Enfant, and the ideas of him, Washington. Mr. Thomas says it seems very clear to him from the evidence that the street now called Florida avenue exactly coincides with the original northern boundary of the city, and was not, as has been contended, a few feet over the boundary.

HAZARD AT A PARLOR SOCIAL.

Walter A. Pickett on Trial for Cutting Peter A. Burke.

Walter A. Pickett, colored, was tried yesterday in criminal court No. 1 yesterday for assault with intent to kill Peter A. Burke, Jr., on the 20th of September. The testimony against Pickett was that at a "parlor social" at the home of Mary E. Burke, No. 1423 First street, on the night of that day he got into a fight with Peter A. Burke and wounded him with his knife. He was arrested and taken to the police station, where he was held. The case was set for trial yesterday.

Pickett's story was that Burke had the razor and caused him with it and sliced him before he made any disturbance. Pickett says he pulled a small penknife then and defended himself. Several other people were cut during the affair, among them Pickett's wife. Pickett surrendered himself to the authorities.

The case was not completed last night.

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THE MYSTERY OF THE GEMS

Miss Offutt and Mr. Thompson Discharged in Police Court.

NO EVIDENCE TO CONVICT

After Hearing Both Sides the Court Declares He is Mystified as to How Mrs. Smith's Diamonds Got Into the Hall Where They Were Found, But Can't Hold the Accused.

Mrs. Mary B. Offutt, a well-known milliner of this city, and her cousin, Mr. Samuel R. Thompson, a broker, yesterday had a hearing before Judge Kimball in the police court on a charge of larceny of two diamond earrings, valued at \$200, from Mrs. Sarah L. Smith, of No. 1809 Eighteenth street northwest. The case was to have been tried November 23, but was continued until November 26, and on the latter date postponed on account of Mr. Thompson's illness. After an extended hearing, covering a period of several hours, Judge Kimball discharged the case.

The prosecution in the Government was conducted by Mr. Mulvey, and the accused were defended by Lawyer C. Maurice Smith.

Mrs. Smith was the first person to take the stand. She is a clerk in the Treasury Department. When she left the Treasury on the afternoon of November 16, she said, she went to the millinery establishment of Mrs. Offutt, at No. 1212 G street northwest. She did not go to see Mrs. Offutt, but Mrs. Offutt, who conducts a corner department in the room adjoining the millinery department.

She tried on several earrings, and while so doing left her old earrings in Mrs. Offutt's room. Attached to the earrings were two diamond bags, in which she kept the earrings, and a diamond ring. She afterward told herself and departed, when she found that the earrings were missing from the bag. She reported the matter for investigation to the police, and Detective Bauer was detailed upon the case.

The detective took the stand and stated that when he went to the home of Mrs. Offutt, he saw her suspiciously wearing the missing gems. She told him that they were given to her by Mr. Thompson, who said he found them in the hallway.

Mrs. Offutt, the proprietress of the corner place, and the last Government witness, testified that she saw Mrs. Offutt wearing the earrings, but did not know where she obtained them.

Preparatory to opening the side of the defense, Lawyer Smith addressed the jury, saying that he had a host of witnesses to prove his clients innocent. He gave an outline of the important features of the proposed testimony, and said that he would not doubt but could prove that the whole matter was a "great mistake."

Judge Kimball replied that he would be willing to hear every witness, but thought it wise for the court to take a recess before proceeding.

The side of the defense was opened at 2:15 with the testimony of Mr. Thompson. He displayed a little nervousness when on the stand, but replied to the cross-examination of Mr. Mulvey with precision.

He said that on Wednesday morning he left his home to purchase a newspaper. When he returned about 8:30 o'clock he saw the earrings in question lying on the hallway floor. He picked them up and took them into the kitchen, where Mrs. Offutt and the colored woman were preparing the morning meal. He offered them to Mrs. Offutt, telling her where he found them. She said:

"Place them on the mantel; they are only brass, anyhow."

A few moments later, having no desire to examine the gems, he exclaimed:

"Oh! I believe they are real diamonds." She then put them in her ears. Both he and his cousin told their friends of the finding of the jewels, and did not try to make a secret of it.

Mrs. Offutt corroborated the testimony of Mr. Thompson and said that she wore the earrings openly from Wednesday until Saturday. She frequently spoke to her friends about how her cousin found them, and did not know to whom they belonged until the detective told her of the alleged larceny.

A score of witnesses, among them many well-known business men, testified to the honesty, integrity and veracity of the accused, and others further corroborated the evidence that they "openly told their friends of the finding of the earrings."

The case was closed, and Judge Kimball said that he did not think the evidence given would be sufficient for the grand jury to convict.

"There is some mystery, in my mind, how the earrings could have gotten out of the diamond bags without being taken out. But the evidence fails to show who took them out. It has not been shown that Mrs. Offutt or Mr. Thompson entered the hallway room while the case was there, and yet the complainant feels that the rings were there when she discovered and that they were removed from the diamond bags in that room. The best I can do, according to the evidence, is to dismiss the case."

SUPREME COURT RECORD.

Business Transacted in That Tribunal During Yesterday.

The record of the day's business in the United States Supreme Court yesterday is presented as follows:

Present—The Chief Justice, Mr. Justice Harlan, Mr. Justice Gray, Mr. Justice Brewer, Mr. Justice Brown, Mr. Justice White, Mr. Justice McHugh, Mr. Justice Peckham, Mr. Justice Cardozo.

John Nicholson, Jr., of Savannah, Ga., was admitted to practice.

No. 121—The Northern Pacific Railroad Company, appellants, vs. Mueser, Sundry Land, Logging and Manufacturing Company, et al.; argument continued by Mr. C. W. Dunn for the appellants; by Mr. Thomas Wilson for the appellees, and concluded by Mr. C. W. Dunn for the appellants.

No. 122—Emma C. Noyes, plaintiff in error, vs. The Silver Queen Mining Company, submitted by Mr. W. H. Loomis for the plaintiff in error and by Mr. John H. Miller for the defendant in error.

No. 123—The United States, appellant, vs. Frederick S. Passavant et al.; argued by Mr. Solicitor General Richards for the appellant and by Mr. Edwin B. Smith for the appellees.

No. 124—McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, appellant, vs. C. Aulman & Co., et al.; argued by Mr. Aulman, Miller & Co., argument continued by Mr. R. H. Parkinson for the appellant.

Admitted to the bar, at 12 o'clock: The day call will be as follows: Nos. 130, 131, 133, 134, 139, 142, 143, 144, 146, 148 and 147.

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Appearance indicated that the old man was intoxicated and had fallen down the embankment by the road side and had struck his head upon the stone, which inflicted the wound. There was no indication that the old soldier had been held up, and the police believe he simply met with an accident.

Sergeant Flannery called an ambulance and Dandelitt was placed in charge of Policeman Sutton and removed to Freedman's Hospital. There it was found that the fall had caused a fracture of the skull in addition to the scalp wound.

He failed to regain consciousness, and his name and other particulars concerning him could only be learned by the papers which Policeman Sutton found in his pockets. It was evident that Dandelitt was on a leave of absence, but he has been further about him or where he has been stopping in this city.

Late last night the old man had not regained consciousness, and the physicians say that he is in a precarious condition and recovery is doubtful.

DECLINE IN DEATH RATE.

The Health Report for the Week Shows an Agreeable Condition.

The mortality in the District declined 24 per cent during the past week as compared with the one previous. The deaths reported to the health department numbered 108, as against 142. Of the deceased 67 were white and 41 colored. The annual death rate for the whole population fell from 24.1 per thousand in 1906 to 20.0, that for the white being 18.2 and for the colored 24.0. Deaths from diseases from the nervous system decreased from 20 to 15; those of the heart from 17 to 10; from the kidneys from 15 to 6, and those among children under five

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